EX-service men as security personnel in BSNL, Kerala

1701. SHRI ABDUL WAHAB PEEVEE: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the ex-service men employed as security personnel by BSNL in Kerala are not permanent employees and they are throw out any time;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(c) what Government propose to do on the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) and (b) The ex-service men employed as security personnel in Kerala are not BSNL employees. As per the prevailing policy of Government of India regarding resettlement of ex-servicemen, BSNL is required to obtain contract security service, through ex-service men security agencies sponsored by the Directorate General of Resettlement, Ministry of Defence. The Directorate General of Resettlement does not sponsor any agency on permanent basis. There is change of security agencies/ security personnel on the expiry of the contract period.

(c) Does not arise in view of (a) and (b) above.

BTS mobile towers in Eastern U.P.

†1702. SHRI DARA SINGH CHAUHAN: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the location-wise number of BTS mobile towers installed in the districts of Azamgarh, Mau, Sultanpur, Varanasi, Jaunpur, Gazipur, Faizabad and Ambedkar Nagar till 31st October, 2005;

(b) whether they are aware that most of the BTS towers are not working properly and as a result there is no availability of mobile network;

(c) what directions are being given by Government to the concerned General Managers regarding smooth functioning of BTS mobile towers; and

(d) the locations in these districts where there is a provision to install the towers during the years 2004-05 and 2005-06?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD): (a) The number of Base Transreceiver Station (BTS) towers of Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) installed in the districts

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